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ask the expert

HOW DO YOU DEFINE A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT?

A client who has enjoyed the journey they made with me into the design world and appreciates the hard work and personal attention that was paid to the project.

WHAT ARE THE KEY INFLUENCES IN YOUR WORK TODAY?

My influences are always evolving. The last project I design influences me on the next one.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NEXT?

A new two-unit condo building in the Old Town neighborhood. It is on a tight site, and the floor plan I designed is spacious and efficient.

STUDIO VILLANUEVA ARCHITECTURE LLC

Deeply involved in the design and evolution of each project, Allen Villanueva, president and owner of STUDIO Villanueva Architecture, brings a fresh architectural perspective to the 21st-century home. His astute modern perspective was cultivated as a student of Illinois Institute of Technology and later, was infused with traditional influences born from Chicago's historic residential buildings. Today, STUDIO Villanueva Architecture is a significant architecture, planning and design firm uniquely focused on the vision of each client. "I am inspired by the belief that good residential design is a reflection of the client's personal style and characteristics of the building and space," says Villanueva. Unlike many of his contemporaries, Villanueva is the sole visionary and driving force behind each project, from its earliest stages to the final touches. In turn, clients receive an unprecedented one-on-one design experience with the architect. "When you hire my firm," asserts Villanueva, "I am the point person of the project: I'm the one who runs it day to day; I'm the one who selects the finishes; and I'm the one putting pencil to paper to design the space."

"Each project is unique and requires a process that includes an in-depth understanding of the client's needs and style and the careful crafting of a creative vision."

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The kitchen is located adjacent to the south terrace with views of the city skyline. Exotic green granite is used on the countertops. The wall cabinets are custom made from East Indian rosewood, and the wood floor is Indonesian ebony.



You enter the living room through custom-designed doors. The "floating core" wall element is made of East Indian rosewood to beautifully hide the mechanicals, a walk-in coat closet and powder room.